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SUBJECT: HORN OF AFRICA: SOMALI WITHDRAWAL

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- 2. DEPUTY SECRETARY INFORMED DOBRYNIN AT MIDNIGHT TONIGHT OF SIAD'S DECISION AND APPEALED TO SOVIETS TO TAKE STEPS TO URGE PROMPT CEASEFIRE ON ETHIOPIANS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE PEACEFUL WITHDRAWAL AND AVOID FURTHER BLOODSHED.

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ENSURE THE INTEGRITY OF THE SOMALI-ETHIOPIAN BORDER. SHOULD SOVIET OFFICIALSTAKE THE INITIATIVE TO RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH YOU, YOU MAY DRAW ON ABOVE INFORMATION. VANCE

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